

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force the television stations that they own to air a political documentary blatantly supporting one of the two major candidates, only days before the presidential election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation in this country.

Sinclair and other broadcast networks use the public airwaves free of charge, as a courtesy by and from the American people, and they are obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves AND their content, the nation gets less of what we need for our democracy to thrive.

We demand real news, journalistic integrity, responsible programming, and substantive news about issues that matter -- about our communities, our country, and our world.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard and direct, partisan lobbying.

Thank you.